

**IN THE SPECIFICATION (with reference to the translation of the application
as amended during international preliminary examination, filed herewith):**

Please capitalize the title as follows:

~~System and method for the automatic generation of printable files from data~~

**SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR THE AUTOMATIC GENERATION OF
PRINTABLE FILES FROM DATA**

On page 1, after the title please insert a heading as follows:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

The heading on page 1, line 5 has been changed as follows:

~~Description:~~ Field of the Invention

On page 1, line 16 please insert a heading as follows:

Related Technology

The paragraphs beginning on page 2, line 17 have been changed as follows:

Print preparation methods for all kinds of requirements are known from the state of the art. ~~German Patent~~ DE 199 21 120 C2, for example, describes a method and a system for the signature-wise imposition of printing data within a POD (Print On Demand) system. This involves the printing and folding of printed sheets, a process in which the printed images of consecutive pages are positioned so as to match precisely.

Furthermore, ~~German Patent~~ DE 100 17 785 C2 describes a method and a system for processing a data stream in which the data stream is prepared to be output by a printing device. Here, a print data stream that is present in a first print data format is converted into a

standardized data format and the print data stream thus converted is indexed on the basis of prescribed indexing criteria. The indexed print data stream is then sorted in a sorting sequence according to sorting parameters and the sorted print data stream is output for purposes of further processing, especially for being printed out.

The paragraphs beginning on page 3, line 11 have been changed as follows:

~~German Preliminary Published Application~~ DE 198 17 878 A1, for example, discloses a method and a device for producing, wrapping and enveloping printed mailings. Here, the party ordering a print job produces the print data and transmits it via a network to a printing means, where the transmitted print data is printed out. The ordering party produces the print job on his personal computer, which is connected to one or more central computers. The central computers are connected to servers that can be located, for example, in different cities or countries. The ordering party selects a server with free printing capacity and transmits the print job to this server. This print job is executed fully automatically on the selected server, whereby the server preferably has another personal computer and a printing means. The print job is stored on the personal computer and it controls the printing means and its various components such as paper rolls and gluing machines as well as printing, cutting, wrapping and folding units.

Moreover, ~~German Preliminary Published Application~~ DE 101 23 488 A1 describes a printing system for printing a plurality of jobs in one system having a plurality of processing stations. Each of the processing stations is used to render the documents into a ready-to-print file format and to issue an electronic job ticket containing global document properties. In this case, a customer transmits an order for objects to be printed either directly in paper form, on a data carrier or else via the Internet.

~~German Preliminary Published Application~~ DE 101 22 880 A1 discloses a method for the automatic generation of printing instructions. For this purpose, a user enters instructions at a computer in response to which the computer places a plurality of received documents into an electronic folder and arranges the documents in the folder in the desired order for the printed final product. Here, a customer's job for objects to be printed is likewise transmitted to the printing system either directly in paper form, on a data carrier or else via the Internet.

On page 4, line 5 please insert a heading as follows:

GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

The paragraphs beginning on page 4, line 6 have been changed as follows:

The invention ~~is based on the objective of creating~~ provides a system that allows a printing system to receive data from a database outside of the area of the printing system and to automatically generate printable files on the basis of this data as a function of the specific requirements of the printing system.

~~It is likewise an objective of the~~ The invention to put forward also provides a method for the automatic generation of print jobs from data in a database by a printing system in which the database is located outside of the area of the printing system.

~~According to the invention, this objective is achieved by~~ Accordingly, the invention provides a system for the automatic generation of printable files from data in a database, said system ~~comprising including~~ a printing system ~~consisting of including~~ at least one print processing component, whereby the print processing component has means for printing and/or further processing the files, ~~said the~~ system comprising the following features:

The paragraph beginning on 5, line 1 has been changed as follows:

The ~~objective is also achieved by~~ invention also provides a method for the automatic generation of printable files from data in a database, by means of which the files are generated, printed out and/or further processed by a printing system ~~consisting of~~ including at least one print processing component and one print job generation element, and the method ~~comprises~~ includes the following steps:

On page 7, line 13 please insert a heading as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

The paragraph beginning on page 7, line 14 has been changed as follows:

Additional advantages, special features and practical refinements of the invention ~~can be gleaned from the subordinate claims and~~ will be understood from the presentation below of preferred embodiments making reference to the figures.

On page 7, line 31 please insert a heading as follows:

DETAILED DESCRIPTION